SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The question has been before Government and they will give it every consideration and will endeavour to solve it in a way that will not prejudicially affect any interests.

The member also requested—

240. *Right of succession among Syrian Christians.*

that a law might be passed defining the rights of succession to property among the Syrian Christians including Roman Catholics.

Dewan's reply.—If a separate representation is made setting forth the points clearly, the question of appointing a commission to investigate the matter will be considered.

The member finally requested—

241. *Property rights of converts.*

that the rights of converts to Christianity to their share in the properties in their original families might be recognised.

Dewan's reply.—I believe you have no particular grievance in connection with this matter; and I suppose there is no attempt to interfere with the rights and privileges of Christians. They are an important section of the community and have long been established in the land and have been enjoying equal privileges with the other subjects of His Highness the Maha Rajah.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, QUILON.

242. *Repair of iron bridge.*

Mr. Krishnan Pandala, on behalf of Mr. T. V. Subbier, requested that the iron bridge in Quilon might be repaired without delay; and that the fishermen in the Quilon beach might be afforded inducements to go and settle outside the town limits, or as an alternative measure, they might be asked to cure fish without the Town limits, as the curing of fish within the Town at all times of the year was a great nuisance to the public in general on account of the abominable stench arising from it.

243. *Curing of fish without town limits.*

Dewan's reply.—An allotment for the repair of the iron bridge has been sanctioned. For the curing of fish separate yards will be provided. A large community living by fish curing will be deprived of their profession, if they are asked to leave the Town limits.

THE MERCANTILE COMMUNITY, QUILON.

244. *Satrom near the Railway Station.*

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju requested that a *Satrom* might be erected near the Railway Station at Quilon.

Dewan's reply.—This has been sanctioned.

Mr. Kochu Kunju Chanmar of Kartikappalli requested—

245. *Opening of roads.*

(1) That the Elavas might be allowed the privilege of using the road passing near the temple at

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